

Appl. No. 09/746,543  
Letter dated April 5, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of October 20, 2003

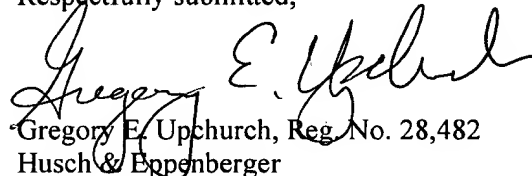
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Office action dated October 20, 2003, the time to respond being extended by petition filed herewith to April 20, 2004, applicants have amended the claims to overcome the various rejections and objections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

In view of the above, all the rejections and objections are overcome and the case is in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance of claims 1-30 (all the claims pending in this case) be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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